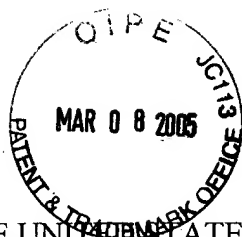


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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

KOJIRO KATAYAMA ET AL.

Application No.: 09/987,486

Filed: November 15, 2001

For: INFORMATION PROCESSING
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CONTROL METHOD,
COMPUTER PROGRAM AND
MEMORY MEDIUM

Examiner: Liang Che A. Wang

Group Art Unit: 2155

March 4, 2005

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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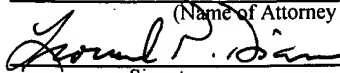
This paper is being filed in response to the Office Action dated February 4, 2005, imposing a restriction requirement in the above-identified case. In the Office Action, the Examiner required restriction to claims directed to one of the following inventions:

- Group I: Claims 1-9, 11-19, 21-29, and 31, directed to computer network managing, classified in class 709, subclass 223; and
- Group II: Claims 10, 20, 30, and 32, directed to computer network monitoring, classified in class 709, subclass 224;

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March 4, 2005
Date of Signature

Applicants hereby elects, without traverse, Group II , Claims 10, 20, 30 and 32, for initial prosecution on the merits.

Favorable consideration and early passage to issue of the present application are respectfully requested.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Leonard P. Diana", written over a horizontal line.

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